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Addendum

Programme questions: Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

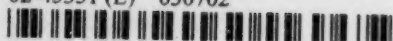
Item 4 (b)

Programme 25 Political affairs

1. At its 16th meeting, on 21 June 2002, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 25, Internal oversight, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/57/6 (Prog. 25)).
2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced programme 25 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the proposed revisions to the programme.

Discussion

3. Queries were raised regarding the proposed deletion of text related to the realignment of subprogrammes under programme 25. It was noted that the functions should not be deleted in their entirety from the programme, but only moved between subprogrammes in line with the reorganization. In particular, the view was expressed that the text proposed for deletion from the second sentence of paragraph 25.19 should be either reinstated or reflected under subprogramme 1.



4. The references to the Millennium Declaration were noted and clarification of the impact of the Millennium Declaration on the programme was sought.
5. The view was expressed that, taking into account the expected accomplishments outlined in paragraph 25.8, the related indicators of achievement in paragraph 25.9 should reflect, not only the number of recommendations, but also the follow-up to audit recommendations.
6. Clarification was sought on the status of the reorganization of the programme, as the wording in paragraph 25.3 could be interpreted as an indication that the realignment of the subprogrammes had not yet been implemented.

Conclusions and Recommendations

7. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the revisions proposed by the Secretary-General to programme 25, Internal oversight, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:

- (a) In paragraph 25.2 delete the new proposed text;
- (b) In paragraph 25.3, first sentence, replace the words "would realign the existing" with the words "has realigned the previous";
- (c) In paragraph 25.7, retain the original wording — "undertake management audits, reviews and surveys to improve the structure of the Organization and its responsiveness to the requirements of programmes and legislative mandates" — of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1);
- (d) In paragraph 25.9, retain the original wording — "a more effective use of financial resources in order to guarantee the implementation of programmes and mandates and more effective procedures" — of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1);
- (e) In paragraph 25.19, amend the second sentence to read: "The Division, while providing management consulting services to improve the level of service delivery and to enhance the Organization's responsiveness to the requirements of programmes and legislative mandates, will examine, review and appraise the use of financial resources in order to ensure the implementation of programmes and legislative mandates; and ascertain compliance of programme managers with the financial and administrative regulations and rules as well as with the approved recommendations of external oversight bodies";
- (f) In paragraph 25.20, retain the original wording — "greater compliance with General Assembly directives, established regulations, rules, policies and procedures; enhancement of transparency and accountability within the Organization; and" — of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1);
- (g) In paragraph 25.21, delete the word "and" before (b), and add new text "and (c) the impact of management consulting recommendations made by the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the improvement of the implementation of programmes and activities of the Organization;";

(h) In paragraph 25.21, retain the original wording — “and (d) better coordination with external oversight bodies” — of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1).
